

## CLAIMS AMENDMENTS

1. (currently amended) A device for wet treatment of laundry, with comprising an inner drum (12) having a single front-end opening (13) and a door (29, 46) assigned where appropriate to the opening (13), wherein :  
which the inner drum (12) is rotationally driven about a rotation axis (11) and can pivot about at least one pivot axis (22, 27) extending transversely with respect to the rotation axis (11); and  
which the inner drum (12) receives the laundry that is to be treated, the inner drum (12) having at least one front-end opening (13), characterized in that the inner drum (12) has a single front-end opening (13), and a door (29, 46) is assigned where appropriate to this opening (13); and  
during loading of the inner drum (12) with laundry, the rotation axis (11) of the inner drum (12) is inclined maximally relative to the perpendicular to such an extent that the laundry or other items loaded into the inner drum (12) for the most part reach a bottom area of the inner drum (12) lying opposite the opening (13).
2. (currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that the opening (13) is assigned a separate~~ wherein the door (29, 46) which is separated from the inner drum (12) in such a way that it does not co-rotate with the inner drum (12) and also cannot pivot, or can pivot only to a limited extent, with the inner drum (12).
3. (currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the door (29, 46) can be moved toward the opening (13) of the inner drum (12) and away from the opening (13), and otherwise the door (29) is preferably stationary relative to the inner drum (12).

4. (currently amended) The device as claimed in Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ further comprising a water-impermeable drum housing (14), wherein:  
the inner drum (12) is water permeable and is surrounded by ~~[[a]]~~ the water-impermeable drum housing (14);  
the drum housing (14) has ~~having~~ a single opening (15) which is arranged adjacent to the opening (13) of the inner drum (12) and which corresponds with the opening (13) of the inner drum (12); and  
the opening (15) of the drum housing (14) and the opening (13) of the inner drum (12) being by the same door (29, 46).
5. (currently amended) The device as claimed in Claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the door (29, 46) is assigned to the inner drum (12) and/or the drum housing (14) in such a way that, ~~in a position of~~ when the inner drum (12) is in a position in which the rotation axis (11) ~~thereof~~ of the inner drum (12) extends approximately horizontally, the opening (15) of the drum housing (14) and/or the opening (13) of the inner drum (12) is located next to the door (29, 46), and can be driven against at least the single opening (15) in the drum housing (14).
6. (currently amended) The device as claimed in Claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the door (29, 46) is assigned to the opening (15) of the drum housing (14) in such a way that, in the operating position of the drum housing (14) with the drum (12) rotating therein, with the rotation axis (11) of the inner drum (12) approximately horizontal, the opening (15) can be closed by the door (29, 46).
7. (currently amended) The device as claimed in Claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the door (29, 46) has at least one seal (37, 55) which corresponds with a sealing face surrounding the opening (15) in the drum housing (14) and which seals the door (29, 46) off from the drum housing (14).

8. (currently amended) The device as claimed in Claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the door (29, 46) can be moved toward and away from the opening (15) of the drum housing (14) and has a door support (30, 50).
9. (currently amended) The device as claimed in Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ further comprising a door frame (48), and wherein the door (29, 46) is ~~to be~~ at least partially opened by a relative movement of an inner door (47) relative to ~~the~~ [[a]] the door frame (48).
10. (currently amended) The device as claimed in Claim 8, ~~characterized in that~~ further comprising an inner door (47) and a door frame (48), wherein the door (29, 46) including ~~an~~ the inner door (47) and ~~[[a]] the~~ the door frame (48), can be moved to and fro, and the door (29) or the door frame (48) is connected to the ~~preferably stationary~~ door support (30, 50) via a flexible connecting means.
11. (currently amended) The device as claimed in Claim 8, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the door (29, 46) is ~~stationary-like~~ and the door support (30, 50) are stationary, and the drum housing (14) can be driven with the inner drum (12) along the rotation axis (11) of the inner drum (12) in ~~the~~ a direction toward the door (29, 46) and/or the door support (30, 50).
12. (currently amended) The device as claimed in Claim 1, ~~characterized in that the door (46) is arranged in~~ further comprising an inner door (47), a door frame (48), and a dividing wall (43) between a dirty area (42) and a clean area (44), wherein the door (46) is arranged in the dividing wall (46) and in this case the door (46), including ~~an~~ the inner door (47) and ~~[[a]] the~~ the door frame (48), can be moved to and fro in a direction perpendicular to the dividing wall (43).

13. (currently amended) A device for wet treatment of laundry, ~~with comprising:~~  
an inner drum (12) which is rotationally driven about a rotation axis (11) and can  
pivot about at least one pivot axis (22, 27) extending transversely with  
respect to the rotation axis (11) and which receives the laundry that is to  
be treated, the pivot axis (27) of the drum housing (14) having at least one  
axle journal (26); and  
a stationary drum housing (14) surrounding the inner drum (12); and  
the at least one axle journal (26) of the pivot axis (27) of the drum housing (14) is  
assigned at least one delivery means for at least one medium for wet  
treatment of the laundry, and the delivery means is configured as an axial  
passage for the at least one medium,  
~~characterized in that~~ wherein the at least one delivery means is assigned to the  
at least one axle journal (26) of the pivot axis (27) of the drum housing  
(14), and  
wherein the inner drum (12) and the drum housing (14) surrounding the inner  
drum (12) can pivot about the at least one pivot axis (22, 27) into any  
desired loading positions.
14. (currently amended) The device as claimed in Claim 13, ~~characterized in that~~  
wherein the inner drum (12) with within the drum housing (14) can be pivoted into  
such the loading positions, the rotation axis (11) of the inner drum (12) extending  
extends perpendicularly or at an angle of up to 60° to the perpendicular, and the  
pivot axis (27); is assigned a direct drive (28) for pivoting the drum housing (14)  
with the inner drum (12) mounted rotatably therein.
15. (cancelled).
16. (currently amended) The device as claimed in claim ~~45~~ 13, ~~characterized in that~~  
wherein a free front end of the at least one axle journal (26) is assigned a rotary  
attachment for at least one admission line for delivering the at least one medium  
to the inside of the drum housing (14).

17. (currently amended) A device for wet treatment of laundry, ~~with comprising:~~  
an inner drum (12) which is rotationally driven about a rotation axis (11) and can  
pivot about at least one pivot axis (22, 27) extending transversely with  
respect to the rotation axis (11) and which receives the laundry that is to  
be treated; ~~and~~  
a stationary drum housing (14) surrounding the inner drum (12) and having an  
opening (15); ~~characterized in that and~~  
a door (29, 49) assigned to the opening (15) of the drum housing (14),  
wherein ~~the~~ at least one medium necessary for the wet treatment can be  
delivered to the inside of the drum housing (14) through ~~[[a]]~~ the door (29,  
46) assigned to the opening (15) of the drum housing (14).
18. (currently amended) The device as claimed in Claim 17, ~~characterized in that~~  
wherein the door (29, 46) is stationary while the inner drum (12) is being driven in  
rotation.
19. (currently amended) The device as claimed in Claim 18, ~~characterized in that~~  
wherein the at least one medium can be delivered to the inside of the drum  
housing (14) or of the inner drum (12) through at least one closable passage in  
the door (29, 46), in which case the at least one passage is assigned to an inner  
circle segment (35) of the door (29) or of an inner door (47) of the door (46).

20. (currently amended) A method for wet treatment of laundry, ~~in which method comprising:~~  
driving an inner drum (12) that can be driven in rotation about a rotation axis (11);  
loading is loaded the inner drum (12) with the laundry or other items that are to  
be treated; and  
washing and spin-drying the laundry or other items, ~~are then washed and spin-~~  
~~dried, characterized in that~~  
wherein the loading is carried out with the rotation axis (11) of the inner drum  
(12) perpendicular or inclined relative to the perpendicular, and, during  
loading, the inner drum (12) is driven in rotation at least intermittently  
about the rotation axis (11).
21. (currently amended) The method as claimed in Claim 20, ~~characterized in that~~  
wherein, during loading, the inner drum (12) is driven at such a speed of rotation  
that the laundry or items in the inner drum (12) experience a centrifugal  
acceleration of up to 25 g.
22. (currently amended) The method as claimed in Claim 20, ~~characterized in that~~  
wherein, during loading, the rotation axis (11) of the inner drum (12) is inclined  
maximally relative to the perpendicular to such an extent that the laundry or other  
items for the most part still reach the a bottom area of the inner drum (12) lying  
opposite the opening (13).
23. (currently amended) The method as claimed in Claim 20, ~~characterized in that~~  
wherein, during loading, the rotation axis (11) of the inner drum (12) is inclined  
relative to the perpendicular by a maximum of 60°, ~~preferably by not more than~~  
~~50°, in particular 40°.~~

24. (new) The method as claimed in Claim 20, wherein, during loading, the rotation axis (11) of the inner drum (12) is inclined relative to the perpendicular by a maximum of 50°.
25. (new) The method as claimed in Claim 20, wherein, during loading, the rotation axis (11) of the inner drum (12) is inclined relative to the perpendicular by a maximum of 40°.